



Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

The Air Force Thunderbirds fly in formation. A bus schedule is on Page 3, and ta special insert inside offers detailed air show information.

‘Shock and awe’ at Wings Over Columbus Sunday

1st Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

The Air Force Thunderbirds will split the skies over Columbus AFB with their amazing acrobatics at “Wings Over Columbus Air Show and Centennial of Powered Flight Celebration” Sunday.

The gates open at 9 a.m. with the first performances starting at noon.

The Thunderbirds demonstration is the final act, ending the air show at 5 p.m.

The F-15, F-18 and T-6 demonstrations teams are joining the Thunderbirds for this year’s show.

The air show also includes modern static aircraft and vehicle displays from the Air Force, Army and Navy.

“We will have virtually every airplane in the Air Force inventory on our flight line, plus Navy fighter demonstrations, civilian acts and more,” Lt. Col. Rick Johnson, air show director said.

Some of the civilian acts at the show include Nickolay Timofeev — a Russian test pilot and three time unlimited aerobatics World Champion — will fly the Soviet-built SU-26 to Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake.”

Performances by vintage warbirds like the B-25 Mitchell and P-51 Mustang showcases Air Force history.

“It has been 100 years since the Wright Brothers flew successfully at Kitty Hawk, N.C.,” Lt. Col. John Chandler, 48th Flying Training Squadron said. “Civilian performers in vintage Warbirds like the B-25 Mitchell and P-51 Mustang lend a sense of nostalgia to the show. It shows where we have been and where we are going.”

Bus transportation is available for residents of Columbus AFB. See Page 3 for details.

For more information, call Ext. 7202 or visit www.wingsovercolumbus.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Case lot sale

The commissary has a case lot sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

BLAZE 6 elections

All E-1 through E-6s are highly encouraged to attend the BLAZE 6 elections at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Phillips Auditorium. For more information, call Ext. 2488.

Thrift store

The thrift store is only open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in June. A garage sale at the store is from 8 to 11 a.m. June 7. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

AIR SHOW
COUNTDOWN

2 more days



Kevin Sisson

One more stripe

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the May promotees. Pictured are (from left to right, back to front): to senior airman, Adam Bethea, 50th Flying Training Squadron; Lawrence Pitts, 14th Mission Support Group; Joshua Venable, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; to staff sergeant: Richard Baldwin, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Patrick Cone, 14th CES; Kimberly Whiteside, 14th Communications Squadron; to master sergeant: Kerry Slater, 14th CS, James Sechrist, 14th Contracting Squadron; to airman: Matthias Aufiero, 14th SFS; Jarod Johnson, 14th SFS; Pamela Stout, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Aaron Smith Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing; and to airman first class: Kim Saylor, 14th MDOS. Not pictured are:

To master sergeant:
Guy Chastain, 332nd Recruiting Squadron
To staff sergeant:
Kevin Martens, 14th SFS; Tonya O’Toole, 14th MDOS; Zachariah Ridgeway, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Mario Stewart, 14th CONS; and Michelle Sweeney, 14th SFS

To senior airman:
Deandria Edwards, 14th SFS; and Jonathan Morgan, 14th Operations Group
To airman first class:
Rhannon McDonald, 14th OSS; Roxanne Roque, 14th Mission Support Squadron; and Ellen Yeoman, 14th OSS

Civilian employees eligible for Flexible Spending Accounts

Most Air Force civilian employees are now eligible to contribute to a flexible spending account which sets aside tax-free money for certain health care and eligible dependent care expenses.

An open season enrollment period begins Monday and runs through June 20.

The effective date for Department of Defense employees is Sept. 1.

Only expenses incurred September through December are reimbursable.

FSA is a new employee benefit that allows federal employees to set aside dollars, on a pre-tax basis, for many common expenses not covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit program or any other source, said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist at Air Force Personnel Center.

“With an FSA, you can reduce your taxes and increase your take-home pay while paying for services

you’d have to pay for anyway,” she said.

The Office of Personnel Management awarded the contract to SHPS, Inc., to administer the FSA program for federal employees.

There are two types of FSA accounts:

Health Care FSAs — may be used to pay for health care expenses of employees and their dependents not reimbursed by health insurance or any other source and not claimed on the participant’s income tax return.

Expenses include deductibles, co-insurance and insurance co-payments, as well as services not generally covered like dental care, orthodontic treatment, hearing aids, physician-directed weight-loss programs, and laser eye correction. To participate, federal civilian employees must be eligible to enroll in the FEHB program.

Dependent Care FSAs — may be used to pay for eligible dependent care expenses when such care is necessary to enable the employee and spouse to work, or

allow the spouse to attend school full time.

Expenses can be paid for the care of children under age 13 and adults who qualify as dependents.

Temporary employees with no fixed work schedule whose tour of duty is six months or less are not eligible.

Employees can enroll directly with the contract administrator at www.fsafeds.com or toll-free at (877) 372-3337 between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time, weekdays.

After the initial open season, employees will need to make an election each year during the FSA open season which will coincide with the FEHB open season.

Program information is available from the contract administrator and OPM’s FSA web site at www.opm.gov/insure/pretax/fsa/index.asp.

Currently, retirees and military personnel are not eligible for either program. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center.)*

Split disbursement now mandatory for military travelers

Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — All military travelers must now select the split disbursement option on their travel voucher claims to directly pay their government travel card expenses, according to finance officials.

Split disbursement requires travelers to tally up their GTC expenses and authorize enough funds to be sent automatically to Bank of America to pay off their charges, said Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program manager at the Pentagon.

Any remaining travel settlement is still sent to the traveler's personal account.

"Using split disbursement makes the payment process simpler and faster," said 2nd Lt. Steven Koester, 14th Comptroller Flight. "I think most people really like using it once they try it.

"Making split disbursement mandatory will also prevent a lot of delinquencies and save the finance office, the orderly rooms and commanders a lot of time spent managing the GTC program."

"Although this change was mandated by the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act to reduce the number of delinquent travel card accounts, split disbursement really is a win-win for everyone," Mr. Weber said. "It simplifies the payment process for travelers, gets the bank their money more quickly and reduces the number of delinquent accounts."

Nearly half of all Air Force travelers already use split disbursement on a regular basis when filing their vouchers because it simplifies the process for them, Mr. Weber said.

"Airmen no longer have to wait for their travel money to be credited to their personal accounts before they can mail a check to the bank," he said. "It saves them the cost of a stamp or a trip to a bank branch and gets the money to the bank within two or three days."

By having all travelers pay off their travel card bills automatically, the Air Force should see a decrease in the number of delinquent accounts, he said.

This is especially true if a traveler returns from a



1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Airman 1st Class Luke Mostoller and 2nd Lt. Steve Koester, 14th Comptroller Flight, go over split disbursement at the finance office. Split disbursement is now mandatory for all military travelers.

TDY as a billing cycle is about to turn over, because they can pay off the card before their account becomes 30 days past due.

If a traveler charges more to their GTC than they were authorized, they still must select split disbursement and also reimburse the bank any additional charges, he added.

"Selecting split disbursement on a travel voucher,

whether done manually or on an automated travel system, is easy and requires only a few clicks of the mouse or one block to be checked on a form," Mr. Weber said.

Although split disbursement is not yet mandatory for civilian employees, Mr. Weber encouraged them to take advantage of its timesaving benefit.

For more information, call customer support at Ext. 2724 or Ext. 2709.

Power of positive drives Air Force professionalism

Lt. Col. Jack Davidson
41st Flying Training Squadron



I believe we in the military are very fortunate.

We have a lot of positive power. From broad world and U.S. events to more locally focused events here, I think sometimes we're slow to recognize all the good work we do.

We have a president who believes in us and understands our role in securing freedom. We have a Congress that has reinvigorated the Department of Defense, given us pay raises and will again cut our

taxes. Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche declared us the "preeminent air and space force in the world."

We have missions with clear objectives and the resources to accomplish the mission correctly.

We enjoy broad and deep public support because of what we do — even the majority of the media supports us.

At Columbus AFB, the Air Education and Training Command creates a stable job environment — extremely few deployments and the luxury of home nearly every night.

We have a mission with clear objectives — to build the world's best pilots, leaders and warriors — and we have the resources to accomplish the mission. We also have a great relationship with the local community —

the Pilot Partner Program and the Wingman Program, to name a few. The Columbus business and civilian community support us immensely — directly and indirectly.

The road outside the main gate was paved as a deliberate effort to show Columbus AFB the community supports us. Also, there are many youth programs downtown in which many of our children participate.

My message? We have everything we need to accomplish our mission superbly — which we do, as verified by the number and quality of the pilots we produce as well as by the AETC inspector general last March in our operational readiness inspection.

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Letter to editor: Thanks to honor guard

Col. Schmidt,

I work in your network control center here at Columbus AFB. Last week my father-in-law, Vernon Mark Frembgen, passed away. He was buried May 14. Because my father-in-law was an Air Force retiree, we requested the honor guard be in attendance to provide full military honors.

That day was a very bad day. Rain poured and poured and didn't stop until right after the graveside service was over. I wanted to let you know how proud I am of the Columbus AFB Honor Guard. When we drove up to the gravesite, the honor guard was standing at attention, waiting patiently. They came to the hearse and took my father-in-law to his resting place. All of this was done in the pouring rain. We had 2 tents up, but there was a gap between the tents. Standing right in the gap was a young lady and a gentleman who stood proud, and never flinched as the cold water poured on them. They performed the flag ceremony and then walked back out into the rain to stand in the far corner of the cemetery to perform the 21-gun salute and to play Taps.

After the service was over our family came

inside of the church. The officer of the guard, Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards, came inside and presented my mother-in-law with a card and three rounds. She was very touched that each member signed the card. The church was feeding us, so we invited the honor guard to eat, but they cordially declined by saying they had to report back to the base for duty. We would have been honored to have them stay and eat with us. During a families' time of sorrow, as it was for us, to have the honor guard treat us with respect, dignity and the "proud to serve attitude" they presented to us, was a great comfort.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for their performance. Having an honor guard that performs this well in adverse conditions shows they have the right leadership.

These are the individuals who served: Sergeant Edwards, Staff Sgt. Kevin Martens, Senior Airmen Daniel Johnson, Reginald Demps, Airmen 1st Class Ronald Hale, Christopher McClendon, Jonathan Glass, Lawrence Pitts and Airman Nicole Paille.

*Thanks,
Dorothy Frembgen*

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

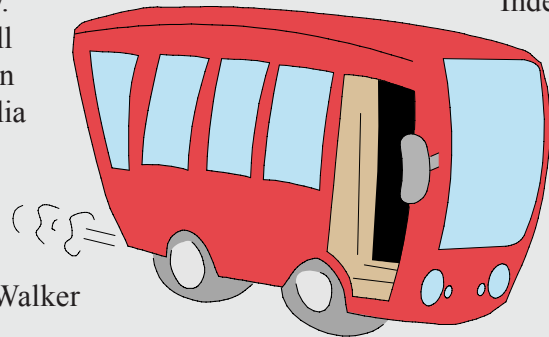


Air show bus service on base

For the convenience of Columbus AFB residents, free bus service is provided to and from the air show.

The buses will stop at the curbs in State and Magnolia housing and at the bus stops in Capitol, bring people to the Walker Center.

A bus will loop through Magnolia housing

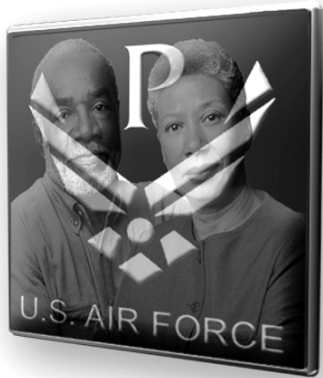


Independence Avenue and going around State Loop.

Finally the bus will drive through Capitol housing traveling along Capitol Avenue.

The buses run continuously starting at 9 a.m. until the close of the event.

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Secretary Roche and General Jumper will send your parents lapel pins to thank them for their vital support of America's Air Force

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DRIVE

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At times, we have to encourage some folks to see most “obstacles” are just not that big or that difficult to overcome. That is one of the missions of leaders at every level.

Recognizing that we are fortunate does not mean we need to sit around the office and “group-hug” all day. As former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Airey said, “I’ve seen kick-butt leadership to group-hug leadership ... there’s nothing wrong with the original style of leadership.”

Don’t confuse positive thinking with “group-hug” philosophy, we are much more effective with positive thinking even after recognizing our limitations.

So what is my role? Where do I draw the line? I believe it is in understanding the mission, establishing

a vector, moving forward with a positive attitude and always being mindful of new perspectives, ideas and ways to the means.

The most successful leaders understand what the mission is, embrace a challenge and keep an open mind about those who think outside of the box. One very powerful, positive leader is our president — his State of the Union Address epitomizes an awesome example of positive thinking. People truly want to look forward to the future and positive thinking allows us to do just that.

We are very lucky to have many people at Columbus at all levels of leadership who are positive thinkers and that, I believe, is why we are so successful. The “Power of the Positive” is incredible — it’s the

foundation of “American Ingenuity” and contributes immeasurably to our success and attitudes as we achieve our goals, professional as well as personal. AETC is not the only one who has a market on it — take a look around at those who are participating in career day and the air show this weekend — many, many successful people — positive people.

We set ourselves up for good luck and success every day. It is not merely an attitude, but a spirit that builds the core of our future.

You have probably heard the saying “I would rather be lucky than good.” We set ourselves up for good luck by being good. Success and luck stem from what we think we “can” do versus what we think we “can’t” do. I would prefer to set myself up for luck.

FEATURES

Fallen comrades honored at Memorial Day retreat

1st Lt. Joseph Coslett

Public affairs

From the Civil War battles in Gettysburg to the War in Iraq more than 1.1 million people have given their lives for the United States — some of them earned their wings at Columbus AFB.

Columbus AFB paid tribute to three more fallen heroes of the BLAZE team — Maj. Mark Todd, Capt. Benton Zettel and Capt. Eric Palaro — by adding their names to the Memorial Wall during a retreat ceremony May 23.

“It was a great honor, probably one of the biggest honors of my career...to be able to reveal the names of the people who gave their lives in defense of our country was very humbling,” said Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards, assistant NCOIC base honor guard.

All the people honored share a history with Columbus AFB’s but also have a story of their own.

Major Todd arrived in Columbus AFB in 1986 and soon after earned his wings.

He remained here with the 50th Flying Training Squadron as a T-38 instructor pilot. Major Todd’s career led him to Misawa AB, Japan as an F-16 pilot, then he attended Defense Language Institute to study Spanish.

He became a combat advisor and instructed El Salvadoran pilots. He lost his life while participating in a combat search and rescue exercise in El Salvador in 1996.

Captain Zettel graduated from Columbus AFB in 1999 and was selected for F-16 pilot training and assigned to the 522nd Fighter Squadron Cannon AFB, N.M.

He was one of only three wingmen chosen as the initial cadre for Operation Noble Eagle, to defend the skies of America following the attacks of Sept. 11,



1st Lt. Joseph Coslett

Senior Airman Leanna Cummins, Airman 1st Class Lakeeia Green, Senior Airman Nicholas Rivera-Lough, Airman 1st Class Christopher McClendon and Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards, honor guard, fold the flag at the Memorial Day retreat ceremony at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza.

2001. He gave his life last year during a nighttime training exercise.

Captain Palaro, earned his wings in 1999 and became an A-10 pilot.

He was assigned to Osan AB, Korea, where he received for the second time Top Gun honors for his weapons employment skills.

In 2001, while stationed with the 81st Fighter

Squadron Spangdahlem AB, Germany, he was involved in a fatal accident while flying his A-10 in a large force combat training exercise over the Nevada Test and Training Range.

“It was really special to see Mark’s name added to the wall,” said Paula Todd, Major Todd’s mother. “You can see how much the military appreciates him and his sons.”

Instructor pilot flies through research, gets work published

Captain conducts study of effects of radio frequency radiation on F-15C pilots

1st Lt. Joseph Coslett

Public affairs

“Have you ever felt your skin on your ear tingle or get warm when talking on your cell phone for more than a few minutes?” asked Capt. Andrea Misener, 50th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot. “What you are actually feeling is the microwave radiation from your cell phone penetrating your skin at an intensity level that produces warming.”

Captain Misener recently was published in the Aerospace Medical Association Journal covering the effects

of radio frequency radiation on F-15C pilots.

The study she conducted last year tested to see if the level of non-ionizing radiation to which a pilot was exposed in the cockpit exceeded the Occupational Safety and Health Administration limits.

Three flights were flown in the F-15C with a handheld meter to determine radiation exposure from the fire control radars and Tactical Electronic Warfare Suits to a pilot during different maneuvers.

She flew two basic fighter maneuvers

or “dog-fighting” flights and a tactical intercept sortie.

“Although the testing was limited to the three sorties, and the meter only measures the non-ionizing radiation, the conclusion was still clear - F-15C pilots are not exposed to harmful levels of radiation from their radars or emitters,” Captain Misener said. “They should not worry about potential negative health effects associated with non-ionizing radiation exposure.”

“There has been much debate in recent years over whether cellular phones and other sources of non-

ionizing radiation are harmful to humans,” Captain Misener said.

Radios, televisions, microwaves, cell phones and even security police radars to catch speeders on base all create non-ionizing radiation.

Non-ionizing radiation is lower frequency, longer wavelength radiation, as opposed to ionizing atmospheric radiation, which is much higher frequency radiation that includes ultraviolet rays, x-rays, gamma rays and cosmic rays.

Excessive exposure to either ionizing or non-ionizing radiation could cause skin cancer, leukemia, cataracts and sterility, Captain Misener said.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule
Catholic

Sunday activities:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
Thursdays
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

The theater is closed for renovations until further notice. For more information, call the shoppette at 434-6026.

COMMISSARY

The commissary hours are:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Thursdays
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Saturdays
Closed — Mondays

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.
Call 1st Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through May 23
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program Tapes:
Introduction to Management

FAMILY
SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Give parents a break: If a person is deployed, on extended TDY, remote or the family is relocating, the family could qualify for six hours of free childcare at the child development center from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 21. Reservations must be made by close of business June 18. For more information, call Shirley Pickney.

Bundles of Joy: Bundles of Joy is from 2 to 4 p.m. June 24. This program is for pregnant Air Force active-duty women or spouses.

The class gives information from how to care for newborns to preparing their college funds. Every participant receives a gift package valued at \$50.

The deadline to sign up for this program is June 23.

Sponsor training: The next sponsor training class is at 9 a.m. June 30 at the family support center.

Sponsor training is also available on the public folders, through email. For more information on how to access it, call the family support center.

Self-paced learning: The family support center offers self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage and PhotoDraw in three levels of expertise.

To improve your computer skills, call Mark Horning.

Children and war: The family support center offers their services to help parents explain war and deployments to their children. Stop by the FSC to pick up complete packages to help make children less confused.

Calling cards: Free \$20-valued phone cards are offered to all people going on contingency TDYs for 30 days or longer. This is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society.

Phone cards must be issued to military personnel. For more information, call



1st Lt. Richard Blakewood

Housing advice

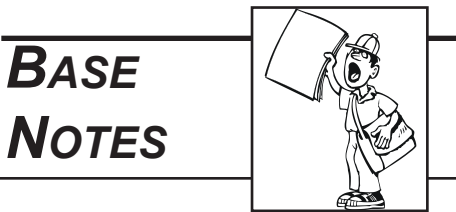
Ed Slancauskas, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, looks at a home-buying book with Chris Bowers, 14th CES. A home buying seminar is from 3 to 5 p.m. June 12 at the chapel annex. For more information, call Ext. 7279.

Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.

Videophones: Videophones are available for family members of deployed, TDY or remote military people.

Baby bunch delay: The baby bunch group meetings have been delayed until September. For more information, call the family support center.

Deployment briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held at 9 a.m. Thursdays.
For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.



Uniform wear: The Air Education and Training Command commander has directed a return of the policy on uniform wear while traveling on government orders.

Uniform instruction: The Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance, supplement for Air Education and Training Command is now available online.

The supplement can be found at

www.aetc.af.mil.

Vacation Bible school: Registration for vacation Bible school is open until June 2.

This year's theme is SCUBA — Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure. The VBS lasts from 9 a.m. to noon June 2 through June 6. Volunteers are needed for this program.

The bus stop schedule is:
8:30 — Magnolia Stop
8:35 — State Stop
8:40 — Capital Stop 1
8:45 — Capital Stop 2
8:50 — Capital Stop 3
8:55 — Center
9:00 — Base Chapel
Children are dropped off between noon and 12:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call Joy Garrison at Ext. 2500.

Car care: The auto hobby shop offers basic car care classes. The classes teach oil changes, tire rotations and many other do-it-yourself skills. For more information or to sign up for a class, call Ext. 7842.

Traffic office: The traffic management office is closed for training Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Regular hours of operation is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, call Ext. 2684.

Services: Provides things to do for base families

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 55 numbers or less.
Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Disc jockey Kool Kleve: Disc Jockey Kool Kleve entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today in the enlisted lounge.

Enlisted lounge closed Saturday: The enlisted lounge is closed Saturday in support of the open house reception/party at the Columbus Club. This event is open to all-ranks and begins at 6 p.m.

Quick shot bingo at bowling center: Starting Monday, the bowling center is selling \$1 quick shot bingo cards for play anytime the bowling center is open. Game rules are available at the center. Call Ext. 2426.

Read by mail: Join the worldwide reading program in conjunction with the Book Adventure Program available through the Internet and created by Sylvan Learning Foundation.
Open to children in kindergarten through 8th grade and a member of the youth center. Program runs until Sept. 1. Call Ext. 2504.

Lawn care course: The youth center offers a course on how to provide a lawn care service to earn money during the summer from 10 a.m. to noon June. 6. Once the course is completed, your name is included on their reference list for lawn service. Call Ext. 2504.

Space Center trip: The youth center is offering a free trip to the Huntsville, Ala. Space Center June 8. Seating is limited to the first 26 registered.

Limited to the first 40 to register. Call Ext. 2504.

Library summer reading program: Register for the base library's summer reading program anytime they are open from June 8 to June 13. This program is open to children entering grades 1 to 6 and meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Ext. 2934.

Computer camp: The youth center is offering a free five-day computer camp June 9 to 13 for ages 9 and older. Camp meets from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Limited to the first ten children registered. Call Ext. 2504.

2003 Air Force space camp: The youth center is taking applications until June 6 for scholarships to the 2003 Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Aug. 2 to Aug. 8. Participants must be 12 to 18 years of age and have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 or higher, complete the application, be interviewed by the youth director and have two letters of recommendation from two significant adults other than the parents and provide a list of extracurricular activities along with written verification of participation.

Scholarship pays for all lodging, meals and activity fees at the camp. Transportation costs are the responsibility of the parents.

For application and more information visit the youth center or call Ext. 2504.

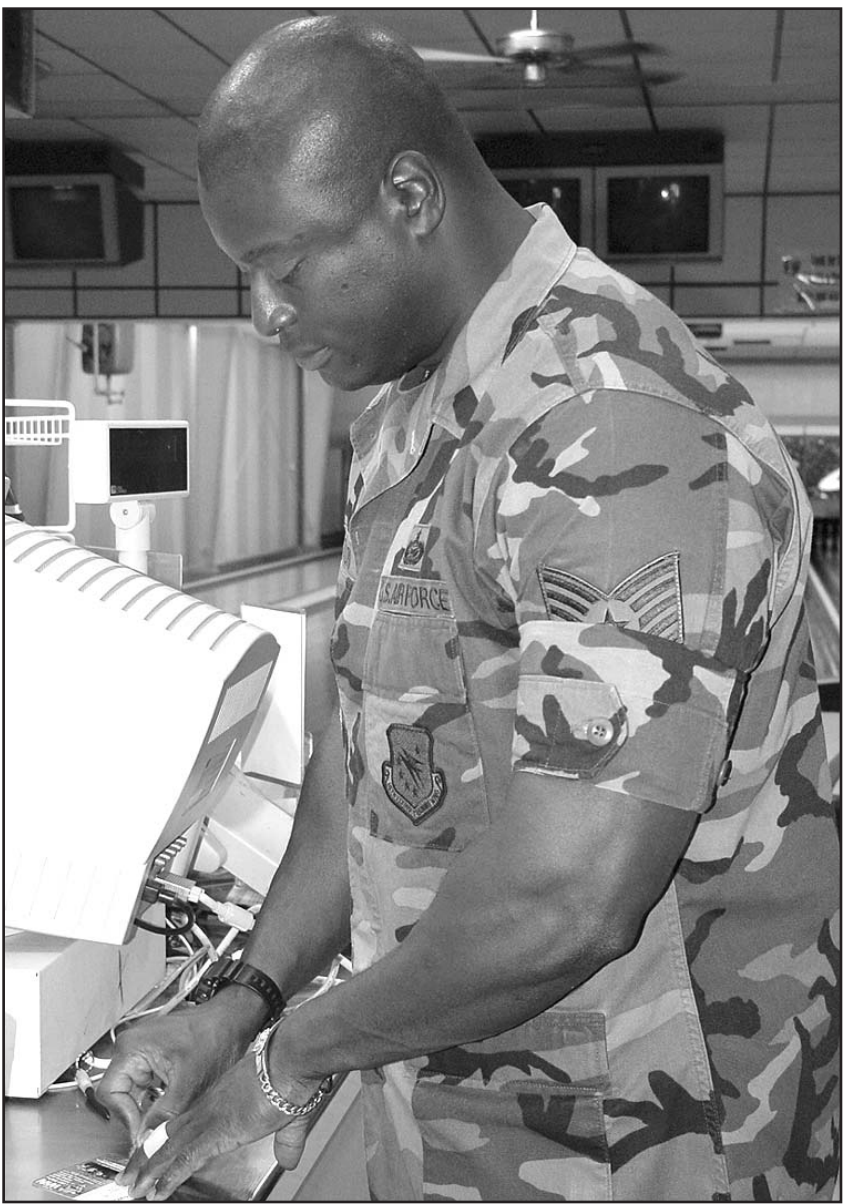
Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. June 20.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation and \$15 in coin. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. and returns around 2 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

Youth development conference: The youth center offers a free overnight conference June 18 to June 19 at Plymouth Bluff on the west bank of the Lock and Dam for ages 9 to 17. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. Wednesday and returns around 6 p.m. after a tour of Mississippi State University.

The conference will feature several workshops that focus on social and community awareness topics such as appreciating diversity, building cooperation skills, communication skills, strengthening friendship and preventing gang violence.

Limited to the first 40 to register. Call Ext. 2504.



Pam Wickham

Scratch-n-win

Tech. Sgt. Larry Dixon, 14th Mission Support Squadron, scratches a game card in the bowling center's "Fast Lanes" NASCAR summer promotion. Customers receive a game card with every purchase of a 32-ounce soda. This card is also included in the grand prize drawing for a trip to a NASCAR race in Atlanta, Ga. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$7.95 per person — Club members receive \$2 discount — Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage — Ala carte menu also available

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Fried catfish	Fried chicken	Spaghetti	Pork chops
Chicken fried steak	Meat loaf	Lasagna	Fettucini Alfredo
Apple cobbler	Banana pudding	Peach cobbler	Apple crispitos

Thursday
Lemon pepper chicken
Bratwurst
Apple dumplings

Seven Year Itch: The Columbus Community Theater presents the famous comedy at the historic Princess Theatre in downtown Columbus at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.
Tickets are \$8 per adult, \$6 per person for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at the Columbus Arts Council.

Blues Festival: Main Street Macon’s first Blues Festival is at 7 p.m. Saturday featuring Macon’s “King of the Blues,” Willie Earl, at the Noxubee County Arena, Mississippi 45, in Macon.
Tickets are \$8 per person in advance. Admission at the gate is \$10 per person. For more information, call (662) 726-4456 or (662) 726-5847.

YMCA play: The Frank P. Phillips YMCA drama group present “Hinds Feet in High Places,” based on a

book by missionary Hanna Hurnard, at 7 p.m. today and Saturday at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus.
Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children, and available at New Life Christian Supplies, Front Door Columbus, the Columbus Arts Council, and the Frank P. Phillips YMCA.

Garden Tours: Columbus Council of Garden Clubs present Garden Tours at five local homes from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m June 7.
Lunch is then served in the Lee Home. Tickets are \$15 per person, including lunch, and are available through June 4 at the Columbus Main Street 328-6305 or by calling Pat Wheeler at 328-3970.

Lighthouse aglow: The Columbus Lighthouse Aglow is at 10:30 a.m. June 7 at the Columbus Library.

The speaker this month is Carol Peterson from Louisville, Miss. There is no July meeting, but another meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2. For more information, call 327-2718.

The Hobbitt: J.R.R. Toliken’s “The Hobbitt”, a play for adults and children is June 19 to June 21 at Streetcar Productions. For reservations or more information, call 240-1832.

Family day: The Columbus Marina hosts “Family Day on the Water” from 4 to 10 p.m. June 21 with children’s games, wakeboard contests, boats, music and a fireworks finale. The headliner is Jason D. Williams, a “Jerry Lee Lewis-style boogie piano man” from Memphis. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 328-3286 or call toll-free at (800) 457-9739.

A moment of “ecstasy” can end a 20 year career — Stay off drugs

SHORTS

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout.
For more information about personal trainers, call Ext. 2773.

Tennis lessons

The youth center offers tennis lessons for all ages. Each child is \$40 a month, and a second child is \$35.
For ages 8 and above, practices are one hour, twice a week.
For ages 7 and below, practices are 45 minutes, twice a week.
Scheduling is done through the instructor. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday.
Computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus green fees for nonmembers.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.
The center shows the person how to find his or her target heart rate and to use all of the equipment.
Classes are by appointment only.
For more information or to book an appointment, call Ext. 2772.

Aerobics classes

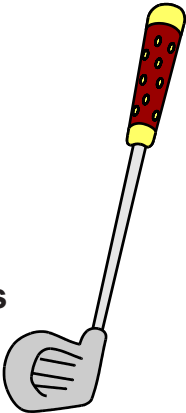
Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center.
There are 15 different classes every week. For information on class times, call the Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.

Tae Kwon Do

This class is offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Students must be at least five years old to enroll. Call Ext. 2504.

CJ’s Super Sonic Scramble

June 28 and June 29
Whispering Pines Golf Course
Four Person Scramble
\$160 per team, field limited to first 36 paid teams
Deadline to enter is June 20
For more information, call Ext. 7932



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Season begins

Hal Larkin, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 1, gears up to hit the ball at Field 2 in intramural softball. The team played against 50th Flying Training Squadron Team 2 and won 27-7.